GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:348
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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Mane Smt. Nivedita;Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Rawat Shri Bachi Singh;Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether recently a meeting of former Army Chiefs was convened in the Army Headquarters ;

(b) If so, the main points discussed in the meeting ;

(c) Whether former Army Chiefs have given opinion for appointment of Chief of Defence Staff for proper understanding between three forces; and

(d) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): A conclave of former Chiefs was held at Army Headquarters on 16th October 2006. The former Chiefs were briefed on the emerging security perspective as also other issues pertaining to the welfare and well being of the Army.

(c) There was no deliberation on the subject of appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff.

(d) The Question does not arise.